

**DECLARATION FOR USA PATENT APPLICATION**  
(including Design and National Stage PCT)

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below adjacent to my name. I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought

on the invention entitled ETCHING SOLUTION, ETCHED ARTICLE AND METHOD FOR ETCHED ARTICLE

\_\_\_\_\_, the specification of which  
\_\_\_\_\_ is attached hereto. (or)

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[ ] and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] as U.S. Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ (or)

☒ as International PCT Application No. PCT/JP99/06502

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 (a) - (d) or §365 (b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or §365 (a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, where priority is not claimed, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or any PCT International application, having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s) (\_\_\_\_ ADDITIONAL APPLICATIONS IDENTIFIED ON ATTACHED SHEET):

| Number             | Country      | Day/Month/Year Filed | Priority Not Claimed |
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| <u>1998-332782</u> | <u>Japan</u> | <u>24/11/1998</u>    | <u>_____</u>         |
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SEE ATTACHED SHEET FOR SIMILAR INFORMATION AND SIGNATURE FOR ADDITIONAL JOINT INVENTORS.

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